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SUBJECT: USG-GOF CONSULTATIONS ON ECONOMIC AND
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1. IN RESPONSE TO FINAL PARAGRAPH REFTEL, USUN WOULD HOPE THAT CHOLLET, OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY, WOULD BE DISABUSED OF THE NOTION THAT USUN HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO CONSULT WITH OTHER MEMBER STATES CONCERNING MATTERS BEFORE THE 29TH GA. IN POINT OF FACT, ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS, SUCH AS THE UNIDO SPECIAL FUND, USUN HAS REGULARLY ATTENDED THE SECOND COMITE-LEVEL WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER GROUP MEETINGS. THESE MEETINGS, HELD ON AN AVERAGE OF EVERY TWO WEEKS DURING THE GA SESSION, DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH PROBLEMS COMMON TO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, INCLUDING THE NEGOTIATIONS OF RESOLUTIONS ON UNIDO, UNCTAD AND UNEP. ETC.

2. ADDITIONALLY, FORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF ALL COMITE TWO (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS) RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING NEGOTIATIONS ARE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ONE OF THE
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COMMITTEE'S VICE PRESIDENTS. USUN, LIKE ALL OTHER INTERESTED

DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THAT OF FRANCE, ARE AT PRESENT ENGAGED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH TWO SUCH FORMALLY CONSTITUTED CONSULTATION GROUPS.

3. IN ADDITION OF COURSE, USUN ACTIVELY ENGAGES IN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRENCH AND OTHER INTERESTED DELEGATIONS ON THE FLOOR OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES. FORMAL BI-LATERALS AND CONSULTATIONS ARE HELD AS REQUIRED. IN THE CASE OF FRANCE, AMBASSADOR FERFUSON HELD A SIGNIFICANT BILATERAL WITH MINISTER ROUGE NOVEMBER 4 (REPORTED SEPTTEL), CONCERNING THE FOG POSITION ON ENERGY AND A GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON OF SECOND COMITE PROBLEMS.

4. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES FROM TIME TO TIME, AT TIMES USUN DOES NOT HAVE FIRM INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE TO IT AT THE MOMENT THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS MAY BE READY TO CONSULT. THE SITUATION MORE FREQUENTLY IS THE REVERSE HOWEVER. IN THE CASE OF EC-9 GOVERNMENTS, THE US IS OFTEN TIMES UNABLE TO HOLD SATISFACTORY CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS DUE TO THE FACT THAT INTRA-EC-9 NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED, ACCORDINGLY TO EC-9 MEMBER STATES.

5. IN SHORT USUN IN THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE GA AND IN THE COURSE OF THE GA, HAS DONE ITS BEST TO CONSULT WITH THE FRENCH, ALL OTHER WEO DELEGATIONS AND A BROAD SPECTRUM OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELEGATIONS AS WELL. USUN HAS NEVER REFUSED TO ENGAGE IN SUCH CONSULTATIONS. IF ON OCCASION THE DELEGATION HAS BEEN WITHOUT INSTRUCTION, USUN HAS ATTENDED THE CONSULTATION SESSIONS, ANNOUNCING THAT IT WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, AND MAKING APPROPRIATE REMARKS ON THE ISSUE AT HAD IN ANTICIPATION OF RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS.

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